

REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st. 1874.

BRISTOL:
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1874.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 1, 1874, as follows:—

By list of taxes assessed April 1, 1873,	\$17,435.31
Savings Bank tax,	463.44
Railroad tax,	495.63
Literary fund,	127.51
Sale of liquors,	490.90
Liquors on hand,	184.80
Cash in Treasury March 1, 1873,	2,690.27
" hands of Collector March 1, 1873,	5,600.09
Rent of Armory Hall,	100.00
" Lobby,	25.00
Cash received of County,	10.50
License of Caravan,	12.00
Sale of oxen,	155.00
" one pair of cart wheels,	12.50
Seth Cass, interest on taxes 1871,	130.00
Union School District,	248.09
On bounty claims,	96.00
Union School District, for Settees,	18.00
Rent of Town Hall,	54.00
	\$28,349.04
Borrowed,	6,871.76
	\$35,219.80

Disbursements.

Paid State tax,	\$1,886.00	
County tax,	1,265.77	
		\$3,151.77
Paid outstanding orders of 1872,		\$532.63

School Money.

District No. 1, G. M. Wooster,	\$63.87	
2, Charles Forrest,	1,643.70	
3, Otis Damon,	57.15	
4, Hiram Heath,	47.25	
5, A. J. Ferrin,	61.14	
6, Otis Sanborn,	89.74	
7, H. C. Homan,	23.08	
8, R. B. Rollins,	123.75	
9, C. H. Mudget,	91.03	
John Morrill, Union Dis., Bridgewater, '72-3,	15.60	
		\$2,216.31

School House Tax.

District No. 2, Chas. Forrest	\$800.00	
8, Thomas Muzzey,	92.50	
H. Tilton, Union District, Bridgewater,	3.86	
		\$896.36

Pauper Bills.

WILLIAM SANBORN.

Aug. 30, '73, paid R. W. Musgrove, for gin,	\$3.00	
Sept. 6, John Brock,	92.50	
Dec. 27, O. B. Ray, for pants and vest,	6.25	
Moody Cheney,	61.50	
Feb. 14, '74, " "	32.25	
16, Taylor & Son,	1.07	
17, Dr. I. S. Chase,	11.25	
		\$207.82

GIDEON C. SLEEPER.

Feb. 7, '74 paid David Sleeper,	\$25.00	
Dr. I. S. Chase,	25.00	
		\$50.00

D. C. WILLEY.

Apr. 26,	Paid Chas. Musgrove,	\$8.50	
May 31,	Luman Danforth,	1.40	
June 19,	W. P. Bedee, for wood,	5.00	
Dec. 27,	Luman Danforth,	1.80	
Feb. 18,	O. Wallace, for sawing wood,	2.50	
			\$19.20

MARY SWETT.

July 26, '73,	paid Thomas Wicom,	\$75.00	
Aug. 30,	R. W. Musgrove, for liquor,	1.10	
Sept. 27,	Taylor & Son,	1.13	
Oct. 25,	T. H. Wicom,	75.00	
Feb. 7, '74,	" "	29.00	
14,	D. P. Prescott, 1 pr shoes,	1.35	
16,	Taylor & Son,	1.97	
17,	Dr. I. S. Chase,	22.50	
18,	M. W. White, 1 pr Spectacles,	.50	
			\$207.55

CLARASSA BROWN.

Feb. 4, '74,	paid Abigail Darling,	\$31.28	
7,	" "	124.72	
			\$156.00

CLARK FULLER.

June 28, '73	paid J. T. Whittemore, potatoes,	\$3.50	
Sep. 17,	Taylor & Son,	11.85	
Nov. 29,	D. H. Sleeper,	13.22	
Jan. 31, '74,	M. S. Peters, for wood,	6.00	
	O. Blackstone, chopping wood,	9.00	
Feb. 7,	T. H. Wicom,	3.00	
16,	Taylor & Son,	12.61	
17,	Dr. I. S. Chase,	6.25	
			\$65.43

TRANSIENT PAUPERS.

July 26, '73,	paid O. K. Bucklin,	\$11.50	
Jan. 31, '74,	" "	9.50	
			\$21 00

Total for paupers, \$727.00

Highways and Bridges.

G. M. WOOSTER'S DISTRICT.

June 28, '73,	paid M. B. Patten,	\$1.50
July 26,	G. M. Wooster,	59.56
Jan. 31, '74,	" "	19.50
	Tax worked out under G. M. Wooster,	58.10
		—— \$138.66

STEPHEN NELSON'S DIST.

Nov. 21, '73,	Worked under Stephen Nelson,	\$46.89
Apr. 26,	Paid C. L. Clay, breaking roads, '72-3,	28.41
Aug. 30,	Stephen Nelson, " "	3.53
Feb. 16, '74,	" " " '73-74,	7.48
"	C. L. Clay, " "	9.80
"	O. S. Hall, " "	6.20
"	Otis Damon, " "	1.92
"	Solon Dolloff, " "	1.00
		—— \$105.23

J. M. R. EMMONS' DIST.

Nov. 21, '73,	Worked under J. M. R. Emmons,	\$61.72
Sept. 27,	paid J. M. R. Emmons and others,	29.04
"	M. L. Emmons,	5.25
Mar. 29,	J. M. R. Emmons, breaking roads winter '72-73,	3.66
Apr. 12,	H. Heath, " " "	2.10
May 31,	H. M. Emmons, " "	7.61
Feb. 17, '74,	J. M. R. Emmons, wint'r '73-74,	8.42
		—— \$117.80

J. W. BURLEY'S DIST.

May 31, '73,	paid Jonathan Emmons, breaking roads, winter '72-3,	\$3.09
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A. J. FERRIN'S DIST.

Apr. 8, '73,	worked under A. J. Ferrin, '72,	\$12.07
Feb. 17, '74,	" " '73,	16.78
Apr. 26, '73,	paid A. J. Ferrin, breaking roads winter '72-3,	21.53
Feb. 17, '74,	" " " '73-4,	9.32
		—— \$59.70

D. Y. EMMON'S DIST.

May 3, '73, paid D. Y. Emmons, breaking roads,			
	winter '72-3,		\$12.78
"	J. Mason,	"	16.25
"	S. P. Stackpole,	"	3.00
"	S. K. Worthen,	"	3.40
		—	\$35.43

JOHN ROBIE'S DIST.

Apr. 26, '73, worked out under J. Robie, '72,			\$44.21
Feb. 17, '74,	"	"	'73, 56.43
Apr. 26, '73, paid J. Robie, breaking roads			
	winter '72-3,		37.33
Feb. 4, '74,	J. R. Pike,	"	2.82
	John Robie,	"	'73-4, 4.28
	S. Swett,	"	3.15
		—	\$148.22

S. MUZZEY'S DIST.

Apr. 26, '73, paid Samuel Muzzey, breaking			
	roads winter '72-3,		\$69.56
	Otis Sanborn,	"	10.00
	D. K. Sanborn,	"	1.50
		—	\$81.06

J. P. GORDON'S DIST.

Feb. 16, '74, worked out under J. P. Gordon,			\$32.84
	Paid J. P. Gordon, breaking roads		
	winter '73-4,		7.33
Apr. 26, '73,	"	"	'72-3, 18.31
May 31,	C. A. Gale,	"	22.50
	N. R. Chase,	"	5.04
		—	\$86.02

S. HILANDS' DIST.

Apr. 26, '73, worked out under S. Hilands, '72,			\$8.27
Jan. 17, '74,	"	"	'73, 11.54
Feb. 16, paid S. Hilands breaking roads			
	winter '73-4,		8.00
		—	\$27.81

FRED. KIDDER'S DIST.

Dec. 2, '73,	worked out under Noah Horne, '72,	\$24.27	
Nov. 31,	" " F. Kidder, '73,	33.30	
May 31,	paid Fred Kidder brk. roads, '72-3,	7.51	
Feb 14, '74,	" " " '73-4,	2.20	
	B. F. Sanborn, " "	3.69	
			\$70.97

J. H. BROWN'S DIST.

Feb. 4, '74,	worked out under J. H. Brown,	\$91.46	
14,	paid J. Hastings and others breaking roads winter '73-4,	14.19	
Apr. 26, '73,	J. H. Brown, " " '72-3,	2.67	
	J. M. Sleeper, " " "	4.50	
	G. Sanborn, " " "	.93	
May 3,	Blake Fowler, " " "	17.50	
			\$131.25
Oct. 29,	John Hastings for work on road side of pond,	\$210.71	
	G. L. Tilton drawing plank,	.75	
			\$211.46

B. E. BLACKSTONE'S DIST.

Jan. 31, '74,	worked out under B. E. Blackstone,	\$32.09	
Feb. 14,	paid Laura R. Fogg, breaking roads winter '73-4,	11.72	
	Dexter Phillips, " " "	1.40	
	Benj. Gray, " " "	1.57	
	H. C. Homan, " " "	1.69	
	B. E. Blackstone, " " "	21.70	
Apr. 14, '73,	Benj. Gray, " winter '72-3,	18.55	
	Wm. Rankins, " " "	18.55	
	Laura R. Fogg, " " "	4.72	
	H. C. Homan, " " "	22.57	
June 28,	Benj. Gray, " " "	1.22	
	B. E. Blackstone, " " "	4.01	
	H. C. Homan, " " "	1.40	
Jan. 31, '74,	Dexter Phillips, " " "	.87	
	Rankins & Gray, " " '73-4	3.72	
			\$145.78

P. S. DRAKE'S DIST.

June 28, '74, paid	J. A. Haynes,	\$1.50	
Aug. 30,	H. H. Bailey,	23.50	
	L. C. Bailey,	10.00	
	T. R. Emmons,	17.15	
Sept. 27,	Lake Co., for plank,	.62	
Nov. 29,	T. R. Emmons,	6.76	
	M. S. Peters,	23.30	
	S. H. Rollins,	8.75	
	R. Buntin,	16.63	
	“ covering stone,	6.00	
	I. H. Ordway,	12.25	
	D. H. Sleeper,	6.64	
	R. B. Rollins,	25.25	
	S. S. Fellows,	26.54	
	L. C. Bailey,	3.50	
	H. H. Bailey,	7.00	
Dec. 1,	P. S. Drake,	82.75	
	A. T. Nudd,	3.50	
	S. H. Rollins,	25.62	
27,	M. Briley,	3.50	
		—	\$310.76
Mar. 10, '73, paid	H. D. Cheney, breaking roads		
	winter '72-3,	\$3.91	
Apr. 8,	R. B. Rollins, “ “	3.41	
Aug. 30,	L. C. Bailey, “ “	2.50	
Sept. 27,	H. H. Bailey, “ “	18.21	
Nov. 29,	M. S. Peters, “ “	12.20	
	R. Buntin, “ “	1.32	
	I. H. Ordway, “ “	1.78	
Dec. 27,	R. H. Jaqueth, “ “	5.25	
	M. Bailey, “ “	2.51	
Feb. 14, '74,	S. H. Tilton, “ “	5.00	
	N. H. Batchelder, “ spring '72,	10.50	
		—	\$66.59

UNION DISTRICT.

May, 31, '73,	Jennis Gray,	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$1.75	\$46.57
	Orrin Nelson,	4	" 7.00
	Sherburn Wells,	16 $\frac{3}{8}$	" 29.58
	Orrin Wallace,	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	" 8.30
	W. H. Danforth,	7	" 12.25
	Benaiah Danforth,	2	" 3.50
	A. B. Gale,	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 17.92
	Ros. Blake,	17 $\frac{2}{3}$	" 30.92
	R. S. Hastings,	6	2.50 15.00
	Isaac Watts,	2	2.25 4.50
	R. S. Hastings,	140 Pickets,	2.80
June 28,	Gilman Laney,	4 days, at 1.75	7.00
	Ros. Blake,	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 28.87
	F. Bartlett,	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 25.37
	" Oxen,	6	2.25 13.50
	Jennis Gray,	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.75 23.62
	Sherburn Wells,	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 24.93
	C. H. Woodward,	10	" 17.50
	" " Horse	5	1.25 6.25
	G. W Sumner,	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.75 6.12
	Luman Danforth,	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 3.94
	James Brown,	6	" 10.50
	Orrin Wallace,	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 14.87
	G. W. S. S. Gordon,	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 4.37
	E. Jordan,	1	" 1.75
	D. G. Hight,	4	" 7.00
	C. Flanders,	10	" 17.50
	" two horses,	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.25 23.62
	S. Follansbee,	5	1.75 8.75
	J. A. Haynes,	5	" 8.75
July 26,	B. Q. Fellows,	7 $\frac{2}{3}$	3.00 23.00
	" " for Milo Fellows,		
		7 days at 3.00,	21.00
Aug. 30,	Kiah Wells,	10	1.75 17.50
	Sherburn Wells,	20	" 35.00
	O. Wallace	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 14.87

Aug. 30, '73,	C. H. Woodward, 11 days	1.75	\$19.25
	" " " horse, 9	1.25	11.25
	D. F. Dustin,	5½	1.75 9.62
	Jennis Gray,	12	" 21.00
	Levi Wallace,	6	" 10.50
Sept. 27,	J. A. Haynes,	6½	" 11.38
	C. H. Woodward,	10½	" 18.38
	" " " horse, 10½	1.25	13.12
	Roswell Blake,	22½	1.75 39.38
	Benj. Swett,	3	" 5.25
	D. F. Dustin,	11½	2.00 23.00
	Levi Wallace,	18½	1.75 32.37
	Jennis Gray,	17	2.00 34.00
	Sherburne Wells,	14½	1.75 25.37
Oct. 4,	G. L. Tilton & horses,	3½	4.00 14.00
" 25,	Frank Cass and oxen,	8	4.00 32.00
	" " building new road,		30.42
	G. W. Sumner & oxen,	2	4.00 8.00
	G. M. Clifford,	6	1.75 10.50
	Solomon French,		" 1.40
Nov. 7,	F. E. Berry,	4	" 7.00
Nov. 29,	Amos Damon,	16½	" 28.87
	" " "	14½	2.00 29.00
	" " oxen,	2	2.25 4.50
	Jennis Gray,	3	1.75 5.25
Dec. 1,	C. H. Woodward,	5½	" 10.62
	" " " horse,	4	1.25 5.00
	" " " "	3¾	6.00
	Luman Danforth,	35½	61.37
Dec. 1,	D. S. Mason & horses	3½	4.00 14.00
	K. S. Bullock "	6½	4.00 26.00
	Sherburne Wells,	15¾	1.75 27.50
	O. F. Morse and oxen	2	4.00 8.00
	Ros. Blake,	9	1.75 15.75
Dec. 4,	H. C. Dubia,	5	1.75 8.75
	F. Bartlett,	6	1.75 10.50
	F. Bartlett, oxen,	4	2.25 9.00

Dec. 4, '73.	G. W. S. S. Gordon,	8½	2.00	\$17.00
	Albert Pope,	2	1.75	3.50
	G. L. Tilton & horses	2	4.00	8.00
	Woodbury Sleeper,	1		1.75
	M. W. Sargent,	4	1.75	7.00
	Carlos Sargent,	1½	1.50	2.62
Dec. 13,	Sylvanus Cole & horses,	6½	4.00	26.00
Dec. 27,	Favor Locke			10.94
	J. A. Haynes,	5	1.75	8.75
	“ “ “ team,			.50
	B. F. Wells,			6.25
Jan, 31, '74,	Elbridge Tilton,			16.69
	Kiah Wells,			2.63
	C. H. Woodard, brk. roads to date,			11.25
	L. A. Ballou,			20.00
	Milo Fellows,			3.50
	J. Jewett,	2 days	1.75	3.50
	Levi Wallace,	17½	1.75	30.62
	Joseph Keyes,			1.75
	R. S. Hastings,	5½	2.50	13.75
Feb. 4,	Eben Darling,	4½	1.75	7.87
	W. P. Ballou,	9½	“	16.62
“ 7,	Geo. W. Sumner, breaking roads,			8.00
	K. S. Bullock, “ “			4.00
“ 14,	Amos Damon “ “			4.03
	Rufus Eaton, 3 days,	1.75		5.25
	Albert Pope, breaking roads,			3.45
“ 17,	I. A. Watts, “ “			4.50
	Ros. Blake, “ “			6.12
	G. W. Clifford, “ “			7.00
				—\$1,454.12
Apr. 8,	Frank Kirk, work done in 1872,			3.50
“ 26,	C. M. Musgrove, “ “			2.10
	Frank Kirk, “ “			2.62
May 31,	Ames & Mason, “ “			50.00
June 28,	A. Clement,			1.12
				—\$59.34

Breaking roads in Union School Districts, winter '72-73.

Mar. 29,	paid C. H. Woodward,	\$3.00
Apr. 8,	Fred. Moulton,	1.50
Apr. 12,	G. L. Tilton,	18.35
Apr. 26,	Solomon French,	1.17
May 3,	Milo Fellows,	25.37
May 31,	Luman Danforth,	.33
July 26,	William Randolph,	1.00
" "	B. Q. Fellows,	1.75
Oct. 25,	G. W. Clifford,	5.50
Dec. 1,	O. F. Morse,	10.00
Dec. 4,	F. Bartlett,	1.50
Feb. 17,	Roswell Blake,	8.37
		\$77 84

MISCELLANEOUS FOR HIGHWAYS.

June 28, '73,	paid D. Woodman, for plank,	\$10.11
"	W. H. Fulsom, "	68.75
July 26,	H. W. Clapp, sewer caps,	6.00
"	W. H. Fulsom, plank,	27.43
	O. K. Bucklin, shoeing oxen	
	and repairing chain,	4.80
	B. Q. Fellows, 8 lbs. powder,	2.80
	" " 50 ft. fuse,	.40
Aug. 30,	Sanborn & Forrest, plank,	15.87
	J. C. Herbert, lighting bridge &c.	15.25
Sept. 27	Taylor & Son, iron and nails,	26.23
	Crawford, Taylor & Co. meal,	29.45
	Taylor, Shaw & Co. "	16.00
	J. A. Haynes, lumber,	1.43
	C. H. Woodard, mending chain,	.25
Oct. 25,	J. Taylor, repairing tools,	19.13
	E. Sanborn, plank,	72.15
Nov. 29,	W. H. Fulsom, plank,	18.68
Dec. 1,	H. W. Clapp, sewer grating,	45.18
	A. Blake, covering stone from	
	Concord,	37.35

Dec. 1, 1873,	A. Blake, hay for oxen,	\$56.00
Dec. 4,	T. Muzzy, plank,	18.50
Jan. 31, 1874,	O. K. Bucklin, shoeing oxen,	3.27
	L. W. Hammond, oil and nails,	28.58
	E. Sanborn, plank,	85.94
Feb. 4,	J. R. Pike, snowing bridge,	4.25
	“ shovelling snow from	
	roof of bridge,	2.50
14,	J. C. Herbert, lighting and	
	snowing bridge,	22.00
	N. H. Batchelder, plank,	12.50
	M. O. Edgerly,	16.42
16,	Taylor, Shaw & Co., meal,	17.30
	Taylor & Son, spikes, cement &c,	8.05
17,	Geo. Cavis, “	.70
	A. J. Ferrin, planks,	3.13
		———— \$696.40
Total expenses of highways and bridges,		\$4,027.53

Fire Ward.

June 19, '73, paid Charles Forrest for 1872,	\$21.00
Aug. 30, “ “ 1873,	300.00
Oct. 4, “ “ “	200.00
Dec. 1, “ “ “	100.00
	———— \$621.00

Abatement of Taxes.

On Collector's list of 1871,	\$208.61
Apr. 14, Rankins & Gray,	6.70
Apr. 26, George G. Brown,	7.02
June 28, Charles Flanders,	1.55
July 26, Sanders Herbert,	3.56
Aug. 30, L. C. Bailey,	1.62
“ Stephen Nelson,	4.39
Sept. 27, T. R. Emmons,	3.67
Nov. 29, S. H. Hilands,	.86
Dec. 27, Henry Wells,	3.56

Jan. 17, '74, Mrs. Moses Merrill, tax for 1872,	\$10.79
Jan. 17, Wm. Kelley,	1.67
Jan. 31, Calvin Mudgett,	2.66
Feb. 7, George M. Peters,	3.56
Feb. 14, Thomas Bennett,	3.67
Feb. 17, Miss G. E. Heath,	6.65
	———— \$270.54

Monument.

Dec. 1. '73, paid Monument Committee,	\$1,000.00
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Paid on Notes.

Stephen Nelson,	\$56.46
J. M. R. Emmons, Guar.	271.15
Hannah Tibbetts,	676.00
Harriett Whittemore,	40.00
Samuel Smith,	181.76
Alonzo Cheney,	314.30
Clarence Merrill,	73.14
Betsey Ordway,	274.42
Willard Heath,	850.31
D. S. Mason,	25.00
W. H. Danforth,	225.75
Clarence Horne,	62.20
Amanda M. Whittemore,	181.32
Alexander Curtice,	105.00
Rebecca Cheney,	70.00
B. S. Gordon,	184.95
Mrs. E. R. Crawford,	928.28
Josephine Moore,	175.95
Betsey Ordway,	712.58
Levi Carter,	175.00
Luther Robinson,	307.30
R. R. Sanborn,	19.10
David Haynes,	231.35
Rosanna Chase,	65.96
Mary Chadwick,	72.25
Mary E. Tilton,	116.35

Susan Kendal,	\$220.25
William Mudgett,	30.00
Relief W. Haley,	1558.01
Mrs. J. R. Pike,	220.62
Jenness Gray,	320.81
Chase W. Colby,	717.49
Doreas W. Heath,	25.00
J. R. Hayward,	410.85
Clarance Merrill,	103.00
James Crawford,	234.55
Hiram Kendal,	75.00
J. M. R. Emmons, Guar.	218.23
“ “ “	340.24
Laurette M. Leavitt.	455.54
Schnyler Walker,	467.36
Lydia Cheney,	185.89
S. B. Sleeper,	395.22
\$12,373.94	

Miscellaneous Items.

Mar. 15, R. W. Musgrove, printing reports, '73,	\$45.00
“ 29, Mason & Taylor, ins. on town hall	21.25
Apr. 8, Charles Flanders, moving hearse-house,	1.50
“ “ Morrill & Sillsby, stationery,	11.70
“ 12, James M. Abbott, work on town hall,	3.00
“ 23, S. S. Fellows, for oxen,	190.00
“ 26, Morrill & Sillsby, stationery,	17.90
“ “ John Wells, Police, 1872,	25.00
May 3, J. H. Chase, measures for town,	7.25
“ 5, A. J. Ferrin, interest on school-house tax	.80
“ 31, Orrin Folsom, water tub,	3.00
“ “ Levi Gurdy, castings,	9.80
June 28, J. A. Haynes and team to Andover,	5.50
“ “ “ “ “ work on town hall,	3.00

July 29, Ward, Humphrey & Dodge, for weights and measures,	\$52.10
July 30, R. W. Musgrove, printing & recording,	17.25
" " D. S. Peper, damages to horse, 1872,	50.00
Sept. 27, Schuyler Walker for decision of " " referees in suit against Lake Co.,	66.66
" " S. S. Brock, cutting tree in street,	1.00
Nov. 27, P. G. Carleton, painting town house,	27.42
Dec. 1, P. S. Drake, damage on sled,	2.50
" " S. H. Rollins, water-tub,	3.00
" " Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	2.05
" 27, A. Peaslee, water-tub, 1872,-73	6.00
Jan. 17, '74, A. J. Smith, charge of town clock, for 1872 and 1873,	52.00
" " Seth Cass, collecting taxes, 1871,	120.00
" 31, John P. Taylor, ins. on town hall,	26.00
Feb. 4, Congregational So. tax on parsonage,	28.08
" " Methodist " " " "	35.10
Sept. 27, Cyrus Taylor, for lead and oil for town hall,	19.04
Feb. 7, To the 3 religious societies \$4.00 each,	12.00
" 14, G. W. S. S. Gordon, Police,	25.00
" " S. E. Holden, school-books,	3.25
" " Lake Co., to satisfy execution,	14.01
" 16, R. W. Musgrove, printing,	15.50
" 17, Schuyler Walker, for stove and quilt, for lobby,	2.00
" " L. W. Fling, for services,	58.18
" " R. S. Hastings, for guide boards,	9.25
" " R. L. Wise, damage to sled,	2.00
" " Dr. I. S. Chase, for medical services,	5.00
" " J. A. Haynes, for wood, oil and taking care of town hall,	41.83
" " Timothy Tilton, Police,	5.00
" " E. S. Foster, stationery,	2.35
	—\$1,046.36

Town Officer's Bills.

R. S. Hastings,	\$190.00
E. K. Pray,	109.00
J. H. Brown,	81.00
Wm. T. Chase, Treasurer,	50.00
R. W. Musgrove, Town Clerk,	35.00
Supt. School Committee,	55.00
Albert Blake, Highway Agt.,	326.00
R. W. Musgrove, Liquor Agt,	150.00
	\$996.00

Report of Liquor Agent.

Liquors on hand,	\$221.87
March 17, '73, Paid State Agent for Liquors,	44.45
Apr. 28, " " "	13.45
June 21, " " "	72.70
Aug. 9, " " "	16.95
Oct. 16, " " "	95.72
29, " " "	16.95
Dec. 8, " " "	31.15
29, " " "	49.95
Paid G. Tilton, truckage,	.85
S. Cole, " "	.30
Freight on liquors,	5.37
Express on " "	2.30
Checks & express on money,	.45
3 faucets, 1 tunnel,	3.22
	\$575.68
R. W. Musgrove's salary as agent,	150.00
	\$725.68
Receipts from sale of Liquor,	\$484.65
" " " Casks,	6.25
Liquor on hand,	184.80
	\$675.70
Loss,	\$49.98

Recapitulation.

Total amount received,		\$35,219.80
Paid out :		
State tax,	\$1,866.00	
County tax,	1,265.77	
School tax,	2,216.31	
School-house tax,	896.36	
Outstanding orders of 1872,	523.63	
Pauper bills,	727.00	
Highways and bridges,	4,027.52	
Fire Ward,	621.00	
Abatement of taxes,	270.54	
Monument,	1,000.00	
Paid on Notes,	12,373.94	
Paid for liquors,	575.68	
Miscellaneous items,	1,046.36	
Town officer's bills,	995.00	
In hands of Treasurer,	946.60	
In hands of Collector,	5,868.09	
	—————	\$35,219.80

Notes and Interest due from the town, March, 1. 1874.

S. B. Whittemore,	\$159.75
Frederick Bartlett,	299.10
H. B. Fowler,	345.73
Harriet Whittemore,	120.45
Horace M. Emmons,	982.28
H. E. Whittemore,	845.84
Samuel Smith,	69.19
J. M. R. Emmons,	114.52
D. S. Mason,	536.17
Milo Fellows,	258.74
Franklin Fogg,	511.20
Peter Whittemore,	361.20
E. S. Smith,	63.38
Franklin Fogg,	251.90
Charles E. Mason,	12.56
Favor Locke,	124.12
Rebecca Cheney,	181.15
Balinda K. Gordon,	50.94
Clarence M. Merrill,	81.45
Lucinda S. Gordon,	423.67
Franklin Fogg,	602.65
Levi Carter,	408.57
Rubia R. Sanborn,	100.41
E. H. Smith,	30.07
James H. Brown,	1,195.46
David Mason,	388.75
Woodbury Sleeper,	132.74
Daniel Kelley,	132.74
David Mason,	72.21
J. S. Kelley,	425.89
S. C. Bean,	196.17
Apr. 3, 1871, Varnum Pratt,	1,303.06
" 1, Rubia R. Sanborn,	118.54
May 27, Albert E. Muzzey,	176.12
June 24, J. F. Tilton,	233.93
" 18, Lucy R. Stearns,	64.40

July 3,	Varnum Pratt,	\$816.61
" 29,	H. Taylor Heath,	116.29
Sept. 29,	Oliver C. Phillips,	577.57
Oct. 2,	Clarence Merrill,	38.49
" "	Frank Fogg,	345.51
" 17,	Daniel K. Sanborn,	45.93
" 28,	Mary C. Mudgett,	553.44
" "	Sarah Cheney,	96.60
" "	Willlam Mudgett,	124.09
Jan. 16, 1872,	Beniah Wheeler,	565.73
Feb. 7,	James H. Brown,	308.99
" 20,	Lucy R. Stearns,	123.87
" "	Arthur L. Worthen,	22.47
March 28,	Abbie L Welch,	55.92
" "	Nancy A. Durgin,	55.92
Apr. 23,	Schuyler Walker,	1,002.00
May 25,	Amanda M. Stearns,	266.06
" "	Polly H. Sleeper,	266.06
" "	Amanda M. Stearns,	267.93
" "	Horace Ballou,	553.85
June 14,	Mary Swett,	552.26
July 2,	Rhoda F. Piper,	1,832.05
Aug. 31,	Dorcas N. Heath,	1,596.35
Sept. 28,	Hannah Woolson,	119.52
Nov. 30,	Mary Chadwick,	53.80
Dec. 3,	Dorcas N. Heath,	156.97
" 28,	Hannah W. Gray,	53.53
Jan. 9, 1873,	Lucy B. Stearns,	75.90
Mar. 29,	Hiram Kendall,	155.78
Apr. 12,	Ruth P. Brown,	188.22
" 21,	Mrs. Belinda B. Cass,	1,414.89
Sept. 5,	Sarah P. Robinson,	514.50
" 27,	Mrs. Lovina Gerry,	358.92
" "	J. H. Brown,	51.27
Oct. 3,	Clark Merrill,	100.54
" 9,	Charles H. Tukey,	307.05
" "	Wm. L. Chase,	204.70
" 18,	Lovina Gerry,	434.35

Nov. 24, Jacob Cass,	\$101.60
“ 28, Cardigan Lodge, No. 38, I. O. of O. F.	125.90
Nov. 29, Mary S. M. Brown,	50.75
Dec. 1, Betsey Ordway,	1,001.80
“ 15, Franklin Fogg,	202.50
“ 26, Amanda M. Stearns,	39.65
“ 30, Isaac H. Ordway,	101.00
Jan. 3, 1874, Polly H. Sleeper,	151.42
“ 10, Willard Heath,	857.39
“ “ Lucy R. Stearns,	39.60
	\$28,420.59

Debts due the Town.

From taxes of 1872 and 1873,	\$5,868.09
In Treasury,	945.60
For rent of Lobby,	26.60
From Grafton County, support of Paupers,	21.00
“ Town of Alexandria,	50.00
	\$6,911.29

Amount the town owes,	\$28,420.59
“ due the town,	6,911.29

Actual debt,	\$21,509.30
Decrease of debt,	\$2,065.50

Respectfully submitted,

R. SMITH HASTINGS,	{	<i>Selectmen of Bristol.</i>
E. K. PRAY,		
J. H. BROWN,		

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing Report of the Selectmen, of the town of Bristol, and find their accounts correctly cast, and recommend the same to be accepted and adopted.

S. E. HOLDEN,	{	<i>Auditors.</i>
JOHN F. CASS,		
LEVI LOCKE,		

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MONUMENT.

Your Committee, having performed their duties according to their best judgment, beg leave to make the following report:—

Having taken into consideration the best means to carry out the wishes of the public, they decided that the monument should be of marble, from the following considerations: A granite monument, at the same cost, would be very little larger, if any, than a marble one; and a plain granite shaft without any design or artistic finish, of that dimension, would be insignificant in comparison with a marble one, on which purity of design and beauty of workmanship could be displayed; and thus carry down to future generations a beautiful memento of respect, bearing the names of the brave men who nobly gave their lives in defence of the Union.

Your Committee, having obtained drafts of the best designs from the different marble workers of this, and other States, submitted the design chosen to contractors for proposals. L. D. & C. H. Day, of Bristol, being the lowest bidders, the contract was given to them, and we consider that they have fulfilled it honorably and to the entire satisfaction of your Committee.

The cost of manufacture, setting up and foundation for the same, the lot in the cemetery, grading and preparing the ground, amounted to the sum of \$999.25; for all of which your Committee hold the vouchers; except the deed for the lot in the cemetery, which has been placed in the hands of the town clerk.

Your Committee are fully aware of the delicacy of their position. It is no easy matter to meet the expectation and taste of every one who may inspect the monument, but they feel confident that for beauty of design and workmanship it cannot be equalled in New Hampshire, at the same cost. They have neglected no opportunity to inform themselves, and spared no labor to give the best satisfaction possible. The monument will be dedicated on next Decoration Day, at which time the 12th N. H. Regiment will hold its annual re-union at Bristol.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. RANDOLPH,	} Committee.
GEO. M. WOOSTER,	
MILO FELLOWS,	
TIMOTHY TILTON,	

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 10, 1874.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Bristol, for the past year, present the following report :—

Notwithstanding the many difficulties that have stood in the way of progress in our schools, we think the past year has been one of at least average prosperity. The teachers employed have been, generally, very efficient, and have labored hard and successfully to maintain good discipline, and secure a thorough understanding of their studies by the scholars.

During the summer term, the attendance in nearly all the schools was much affected by sickness, the measles breaking out among the scholars. The number in the graded schools was so reduced, that it was thought best not to try to have a general examination, as it would not do justice to either teachers or scholars.

The Committee, owing to the hard times and the objections of many to too frequent changes, have not deemed it best to introduce many new books. We have selected but one, Warren's Physical Geography, for the High School. We are firmly of the opinion however, that some changes ought to be made during the coming year. The demand for a new series of reading books is imperative. We need not expect good readers

or speakers, until a change is made in this direction, and a more practical series introduced. Zoology, Physiology, Geology, Botany, &c., &c. can be successfully studied only by applying one's self to them, and not by occasionally reading brief paragraphs in regard to them, scattered promiscuously through the pages of one or two small books designed only for readers. Our reading books ought to contain a large portion of pieces selected both from prose and poetry, adapted to elocutionary training, rather than a string of names that none but a scientist can understand, unless care is taken to look up the definition of every new word; a task that scholars are not often disposed to perform. The committee have considered favorably two new series, Monroe's and the Franklin Readers; either one of which is far superior to the one now in use.

Many towns are returning to the "town system," so called, which consists in substance of electing a board of education for the whole town, and doing away with the district system altogether. We have no doubt that it would be much better for our schools, could this plan be adopted; yet we think it would be attended with somewhat increased expense, and do not urge the matter at the present time. We would advise, however, some such measure for the district having the graded schools. There is no occasion for two committees here, as there is in outside districts. We would recommend to the favorable consideration of those interested in the Union School District, a plan like the following: Let there be a Board of Education, to have the entire control and management of the graded schools, consisting of three members, chosen by the district; one to hold office for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Then, let one be chosen annually for the term of three years, as the time of each shall expire. This plan would prevent too frequent changes in the administration of our school affairs. The board would be permanent, and could lay plans for future usefulness that cannot now be accomplished. This measure is not suggested in opposition to the prudential committee, or with any desire to usurp their author-

ity. On the contrary, we are assured that it meets with their hearty approval. There is at present a strong feeling that there ought to be a reduction of our town expenses. Whatever is done in this direction, we hope our schools will not be crippled by a lack of pecuniary support. Every one knows that the high standard of popular education in the United States and our great prosperity as a nation, is the outgrowth of our system of common schools. Let us make no backward steps in this matter. Let us not practice a false economy, by striking at the foundation of our educational system.

Your Committee would take this opportunity to urge upon teachers the necessity for the most thorough preparation for their work. One or two branches, we think, ought to have particular attention, reading and writing. Our seminaries and normal schools have failed to give these branches the prominence that they deserve. It is much easier to find one who can teach arithmetic or grammar, than reading and writing.

The people have generally interested themselves in the schools, yet there are numerous cases in which parents have allowed their children to be tardy, or to stay away altogether. Some have been taken from school one, two and three weeks before the close of the term, thus depriving them of the reviews, and preventing the teacher from receiving the credit due her at the examination. The highest success and the greatest prosperity can only be achieved when the people take an active interest in the schools, and give them the liberal support the greatness of the cause demands.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer term, of 10 weeks, was taught by LIZZIE S. MORGAN. During this term there were in attendance 15 scholars; 9 girls and 6 boys, some of them from the town of Hill. Owing to the difference in their ages, the teacher was obliged to form more classes than would ordinarily be considered for the highest good of the school; yet it was well kept, and the progress made by the scholars very satisfactory. The order was excellent. The teacher says "this term of school has proved a

very pleasant one to me. The deportment of the scholars has been worthy of recommendation. The parents have exhibited much interest in the school, both by visiting it and by sending their children quite constantly."

The second term, of 8 weeks, was taught by MARTHA F. EMMONS. From a thorough examination of this school, at the close of the term, the Committee are satisfied that the time of the scholars was well spent, and that the teacher had done her duty well. Whole number of scholars 11; boys, 6; girls, 5.

The registers of the teachers were well kept. G. M. Wooster, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 2.—See GRADED SCHOOL.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The first term, of eight weeks, was taught by MARTHA F. EMMONS. At the first visit of the Committee to this school it was obvious that several of the scholars had formed bad habits in reading and reciting. Some would not speak loud enough to be understood, and others drawled out the words badly. The teacher succeeded in a measure in breaking them up, but found it rather a difficult task. The second term was commenced by IDELLA KIRK, who soon after was taken sick and was unable to continue the school. ELLA J. GEORGE, from the high school, took her place and, though this was her first term, succeeded well, considering the difficulties she had to encounter. We have no doubt that with experience she will make a good teacher.

There were 9 scholars each term. Otis Damon, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The first term, of 7 weeks, was taught by MARY O. TAYLOR, of Sanbornton; and the second of $6\frac{1}{2}$ weeks by CINDA W. HEATH, of Bristol. There being but 4 scholars the first term, and 3 the second, the teachers had but little opportunity for showing their aptness for teaching. The scholars appeared very well and made good progress in their studies.

We think it would be much better could this school be united with District No. 3, and the joint funds used for the benefit of both. Hiram Heath, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 5.

This district has had two terms, of 8 and 6 weeks respectively, both taught by KATIE L. ROBIE. The fact that there were but 3 scholars, as in District No. 4. rendered it impossible to get up and maintain that degree of interest in the school that ought to exist. The teacher applied herself well to the instruction of those under her charge.

The average amount expended for each scholar for the year, \$8.50, shows that some other plan ought to be adopted if possible; yet this district is so far removed from any other, we do not see how the evil can be easily remedied. Augustus Ferrin, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The summer term was taught by MARY E. TILTON, and continued only five weeks. The teacher says: "the pupils of this school, generally speaking, were studious, consequently the advancement good,—all that could be expected considering the shortness of the term and the interruption caused by the measles which of course impaired the utility of the school."

The second term was taught by FLORA J. WELLS. The appearance of the school, both at its commencement and close was good, the scholars being industrious and quiet.

During the second term a little trouble was occasioned by one of the parents forbidding a scholar to declaim when the teacher had required it. The teacher was sustained in what the Committee considered a reasonable request, and the boy left school. We were sorry that any one should be deprived of school advantages; but it is necessary, in order to maintain discipline in a school, that all reasonable rules of the teacher or Committee should be observed. The second term continued 11 weeks.

Whole number of scholars first term, 16; second, 17. Otis Sanborn, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 7.

This District has had one term of school this year, continuing 6 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 6; 3 girls, 3 boys. Taught by FLORA J. WELLS. The order of the school was good, and

the progress of the scholars all that could be expected, considering the opportunities that they have enjoyed. Henry Homan, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The summer term was taught by MARY E. BATCHELDER, who had taught two terms before in this district giving entire satisfaction. The term was only four weeks long and was visited but once by the Committee. The scholars were studious and the order good.

The second term, of twelve weeks, was taught by MAHALA BATCHELDER, of Sanbornton. This was her first term in this town. The discipline that the school had previously maintained was continued and reflected much credit on this as well as former teachers. We observe that quite a number of scholars left school before the close of the term, and wish to urge upon parents a change in this respect. It is impossible for scholars to learn what they ought in the few weeks of school that we have, unless they can be present all the time; and manual labor at home, or play in the streets, ought not to be allowed to keep them out of school. Register very well kept. Whole number of scholars first term, 17; second, 28. R. B. Rollins, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 9.

This district has had two terms, of eight and fourteen weeks respectively, both taught by JENNIE S. EMMONS. In the examination at the close of the second term the scholars showed great proficiency in the branches pursued. They were quite thorough and had accomplished a large amount of work. The order of the school was very good, as indeed it must have been, or the scholars could not have done so well. During the first term there were only 9 instances of tardiness. In the second, 52. Parents as well as teachers should guard against this evil. Whole number first term, 11; second, 18. Calvin Mudgett, Prudential Committee.

GRADED SCHOOL.

Owing to the large number of scholars in the Spring and Fall terms, the Committee were obliged, under the instructions of the district, to divide the primary school into two parts. The second primary was kept in the building formerly used by the Congregationalist Society for a vestry, it having been hired for that purpose. During the winter term, however, the number of small scholars not being so large, we have had but four schools.

At the commencement of the year, the Committee were somewhat embarrassed as to what course to pursue in our high school. The course of study laid down was suited only to advanced scholars; and the number who would be able to pursue it, comparatively few, and we should either be obliged to somewhat lower the grade or be content to have a small high school, with the lower departments crowded to excess. This is evident from an inspection of the registers during the first term. This matter was arranged by us so as to give the greatest number the greatest advantage. At least, that was the design of the Committee in their classification of the scholars. How far we succeeded we leave others to judge. Our schools have all of them been well filled throughout the year; although sickness, during the first and third terms, occasioned a great deal of irregularity, and hindered the teachers in their work. The same teachers have been employed throughout the year and we think the advantage of this arrangement is obvious in the advancement of the scholars.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The First Division of this department, during the first two terms, was under the charge of KATE F. GEORGE. The Second Division, in the vestry, was taught by EMMA CRAWFORD. During the third term, Miss George had charge of them both, Miss

Crawford acting, during part of the term, as assistant. The attendance, considering the age of the scholars and the unusual amount of sickness, was as good as we could expect. Whole attendance in first division, spring term, 42; fall term, 43; winter term, 57; Second Division, first term, 33; second term, 30.

The first term commenced April 28 and continued 10 weeks; the second, Sept. 1, 11 weeks; the third, Dec. 7, 12 weeks; but not completed at the making out of this report. Both teachers succeeded well in their work, and the promptness with which the little ones answered, showed that they had been well drilled in the fundamentals of their education. Many in Miss George's first class could read quite well.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

This school, under the charge of EVA F. BURNHAM who has successfully taught it for two years, has had the same number of terms, continuing the same number of weeks as the Primary Department. Whole attendance, first term, 35; second, 43; third, 45. The spring term was very badly broken up by sickness, no less than 15 being absent the last week. During fall term, there were 6 who were neither tardy, absent nor dismissed; and 3 who have not more than 2 marks against their names. The record of a few, however, in this respect is bad, showing that a small number of negligent scholars can do much to injure the average attendance of the school.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

NANCY A. DURGIN, teacher. The first two terms commenced at the same time, and continued the same number of weeks as the Primary and Intermediate Departments. The winter or third term continued only 10 weeks, closing on account of the sickness of the teacher. Whole number in attendance, first term, 37; average, 31; second term, 37 average, 29; third term, 47; average, 39. 7 girls not absent half a day, during the third term. 3 boys absent only $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Owing to the sickness of Miss Durgin, the committee did not have an opportunity to visit the school, at the close of the third term, and we are not able to report as definitely in regard to progress made

as they would like, yet judging from what we know was done in the two preceding terms, we have no doubt that it was very good in the third. This school contains some disorderly elements which are a decided injury, not so much on account of what they do, as the influence they exert on the whole school. The period of life at which most of the scholars are in this department, might properly be called the "noisy period;" and the boys of Bristol are no exception to the rule.

HIGH SCHOOL.

MARY F. FRENCH, Teacher. The first term commenced May 5, 1873; one week later than the others, on account of the inability of the prudential committee to procure a teacher in season. The school closed with the rest, continuing but nine weeks. The second and third terms, the same as the primary and Intermediate Departments. Whole number in attendance, first term, 32; average, 25. Second term, 37; average, 31. Winter term, 42; estimated average, 34. During the second term 4 were neither tardy nor absent; beside these, there were 7 girls and 2 boys who were not marked tardy.

The Committee are glad to be able to report good progress in this department. The scholars have been very studious, and the faithful labors of the teacher well rewarded in their advancement. Three have been through, and reviewed, Greenleaf's Elementary Algebra; and a class of 14 beginners have gone nearly half way through. Classes have been formed in Physical Geography, Book-keeping and Latin, in addition to those usually taught in common schools.

In conclusion, we will say that we think the progress of the schools in this district is sure while under its present, efficient board of instructors.

GEO. T. CRAWFORD,	}	<i>Superintending School Committee.</i>
S. E. HOLDEN,		